

& So now I do not object to being called "our minister" "a
pastor" or "the orthodox minister" - I have learnt three things
since I have been here - first that a good minister must be
a good warm hearted Christian secondly that he must understand
the Bible well Thirdly & lastly that a man must know a
good deal before he can instruct even the ignorant -

I trouble you with this letter because I think it may
cause you some perplexity if you arrive in N.H. before
me (& you probably will) - Yours with Christian affection

L. S. Dickinson

James T. Dickinson
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Medfield 16th May 1829

Brother Phelps,

I rec^d a letter yesterday from Boston informing me that our Boxes of Books left there for New Haven the day after I left Boston (Friday) - I sent Odiorne who was good enough to take the trouble of looking up a vessel - He consigned them to Messrs N. & L. Hotchkiss Long Wharf N. Haven & not to Gent. Howe. This is doubtless right as he understands these matters better than we do - I intend to be in N. Haven the last of the first week of the term - if you arrive before do with my box whatever you think proper - I am doing well here - find myself much more pleasantly situated than I expected - a considerable part of my time I spend in visiting from house to house - I find many good Christians & it is a pleasure to talk with them - they are ignorant to be sure, but that does not trouble me - I never took more pleasure in visiting among the gay & fashionable than I do in making my pastoral calls - I am called here the "Orthodox minister" - For a while I ~~pro~~ proclaimed myself to be only an Andover Student till I found that, that was if possible a still more abominable appellation in the eyes of the Unitarians than the other -